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23.		5,042,239	08/91	Card		
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31.		4,920,733	05/90	Berrios		
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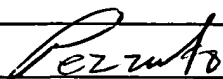
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46.		4,479,346	10/84	Chandler		
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51.		4,354,569	10/82	Eichholz		
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60.		4,301,881	11/81	Griffin		
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64.		4,145,864	03/79	Brewster Jr.		
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66.		4,024,448	05/77	Christianson et al.		
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74.		3,895,481	07/75	Olney et al.		
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76.		3,832,835	09/74	Hall et al.		
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78.		3,800,480	04/74	Keating		
79.		3,759,019	09/73	Wells		
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81.	<i>2</i>	3,732,673	05/73	Winn Jr.		

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85.		3,721,076	03/73	Behrens		
86.		3,698,523	10/72	Bellinger		
87.		3,668,844	06/72	Akgulian et al.		
88.		3,668,499	06/72	Malloy		
89.		3,650,097	03/72	Nokes		
90.		3,641,749	02/72	Dwyer Jr. et al.		
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94.		3,608,285	09/71	Berk		
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97.		3,602,772	08/71	Hundhausen et al.		
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109.		3,230,695	01/66	West		
110.		3,217,824	11/95	Jepson		
111.		3,106,811	10/63	Heth et al.		
112.		3,103,090	09/63	Campbell		
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114.		2,417,613	03/47	Radabaugh		
115.		1,401,156	12/21	Jenkins		
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



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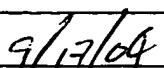
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3.		Ferris Industries, Brochure on Pro Cut Mower, date unknown (Exhibit 9, 4 pages)
4.		Ferris Industries, Advertisement for Hydrowalk 36/48, 06/1990 (Exhibit 4, 2 pages)
5.		Gravely International, Brochure for Pro Series, 09/1986, pages 1-10 (Exhibit 7, 11 pages)
6.		Ransomes America Corporation, Turf Care Equipment Manual, 1994, portion of section entitled Ransomes Reel (Exhibit 1, 44 pages)
7.		Ransomes America Corp., Turf Care Equipment Manual, 1994, portion of section entitled Mounted/Trailed (Exhibit 2, 6 pages)
8.		The Grasshopper Co., Brochure on Model 718/718K, 1988 (Exhibit 5, 2 pages)
9.		Walker Manufacturing Co., Owners Manual for Model MS36-42 and MC36-54, 1987, pages 1-45 (Exhibit 6, 47 pages)
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